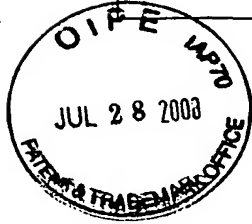


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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks.